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September 11, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a follow up to request number 2012F020274:

I appeal the rejection. The privacy exemption of FOIA does not apply to the deceased. These letters are about the deceased and have been released in the past. On these grounds and all other grounds deemed appropriate by the appeals authority, I appeal.

On Sept. 11, 2013:

Mr. Smathers -- Ms. Malone of my office forwarded your email to me. Please find attached our final response to you in this matter, which we sent out in April. Should you have further questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

On Sept. 10, 2013:

I have received similar records in the past and although many such letters are a template, others were customized. I would like to see each letter including the name of the deceased. However, I am not interested in the information of the recipient of the letter.

Thank you.

On Dec. 18, 2012:

Mr. Smathers:

On the subject of the April 2011 - Present deceased letters. I received responses to the request. However, upon review of the deceased letters, they follow the same format with the exception of the names and addresses of the Marine's families which in this case they will not be identified under the (b)(6)

of the FOIA.

I find I do need clarity at this point. What is it exactly that you require from these letters? The names of the deceased Marines? Pls. write back. I asked you a question about another issue and I did not receive a response from you.

I am also keeping track of our email transmissions.

Mary Malone

On Dec. 12, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On Nov. 12, 2012:

Greetings!

I am currently out of the office. I will return on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. If you have any questions regarding FOIA issues, please call (703) 614-4008.

Thank you.

On Nov. 12, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On Oct. 13, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On Sept. 13, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On Aug. 14, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On June 8, 2012:

Mr. Smathers,

I will get back to you concerning this request.

Mary Malone
FOIA Specialist

On June 8, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On May 9, 2012:

Thank you for the update. The correct address is:

[Redacted]

On May 9, 2012:

Mr. Smathers:

This refers to your inquiry regarding your FOIA requests to Headquarters, Marine Corps.

Please be advised that we are working on your requests. I cannot provide a approximate date for all your requests. However, what we are working on is providing at least a response (perhaps two) per week.

In the meantime, please identify the correct mailing address for you. I have two. Somerville, MA and Boston, MA.

V/r,

On May 8, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 3, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On April 13, 2012:

On March 20, 2012:

On Feb. 3, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All deceased letters sent out between 4/1/11 and the date this request is processed.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jason Smathers

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